

CHARACTERISTICS OF A WATCHMAN

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I received the following note from Jerry Kaifetz on August 7:

Bro. Cloud, I read this morning the various messages from your supporters and detractors. Moments later I was reading Isaiah 62, and I thought I would share an observation with you.

“I have set watchmen upon thy walls, Oh Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace, day nor night. Ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence.”

If one considers the charge to the watchman, it is to see that the wall is not breached. More than that, it is to warn of an approaching enemy or potential enemy before he reaches the wall. In this mindset, there is little place for ‘tolerance,’ inclusivism, or multiculturalism, and certainly ecumenicalism and New Evangelicalism.

The efficiency of the watchman is predicated upon his DISCRIMINATORY powers, his vigilance, his diligence -- all the elements in disfavor in today's culture, secular and religious. Moreover, the watchman's zeal for his job will be directly proportional to the value that he places on that which is inside the walls: no value -- no passion for his job: let 'em all in & lets “celebrate Jesus!”

Then, we go just a few verses away to verse 62:12 to see what kind of value God places on the watchmen, as well as those within the walls:

“And behold, they shall call them the holy people.”

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